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Claims 1 and 3-11 currently remain in the application. Claims 12-22 have been withdrawn, claim 2 is herein canceled and claims 1, 3, 4 and 6 are herein amended.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Satoshi and claims 1-11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Hayes. At least in part in response to the reasons for the Examiner's rejection, independent claim 1 has been herein amended to more narrowly limit its scope by saying that the aliphatic polyester resin composition should contain the metal salts in the amount of 0.01-5 weight parts per 100 weight parts and claim 3 has been herein further amended to say that M should be either potassium atom or barium atom. The former selection is supported by the specification on page 17 at lines 9-15 and the latter selection is supported on page 4 at lines 1-11 and hence these modifications should be deemed enterable. Moreover, the effects of so limiting the scope of the invention are presented in the document entitled Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.132 which is being filed simultaneously herewith. In summary, if the scope of the invention is limited as done herein, the intended results of the invention are obtained to more advanced degrees.

The newly introduced limitations are not disclosed or even hinted at in either of the cited references and hence it is believed that the amendment effected herein will obviate the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102.

In summary, it is believed that the present Amendment is totally responsive to the Office Action and hence that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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